

Information Paper

Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Diana Bend, MO



Bankline along the Diana Bend Conservation Area, June 2004

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Location

One mile west of Rocheport, in Howard County, Missouri.

Description

This mitigation site is located within the Missouri River along the bank of the Diana Bend Conservation Area. Two bank notches and a 1000-foot long pilot channel were made in the existing river structures in the Spring of 2004. These modifications were completed to increase the diversity of the riverine habitat at this location for a wide variety of fish, including the endangered pallid sturgeon. The increase in shoreline will also benefit native shore birds and amphibians.

The mitigation work at Diana Bend created approximately 12 acres of riverine habitat but will vary over time, hopefully growing to a full 16-acre site. It is located at river miles 190 to 187 on the left descending bank of the Missouri River.

Current Status

The Diana Bend Conservation Area is jointly owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. MDC maintains the wetland, forest, and other terrestrial habitats at this site. The Corps will maintain the river structures at this location to assure adequate flows remain in the main river channel while the riverine habitat forms. Meanwhile, the site is available to the public for a variety of outdoor activities including bird and wildlife watching, hunting, photography, and fishing.



Shallow water riverine habitat created by Corps of Engineers in-house work crews, June 04